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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1

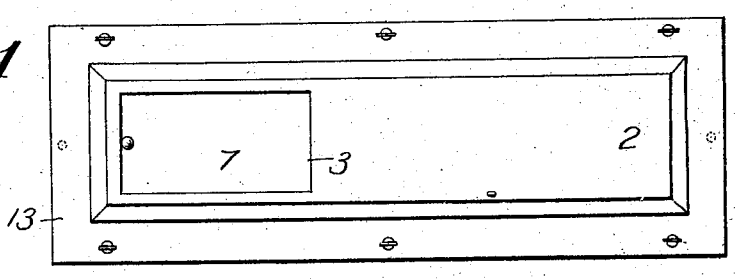


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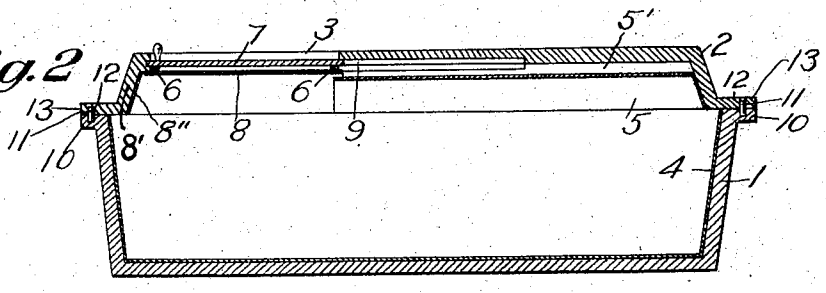


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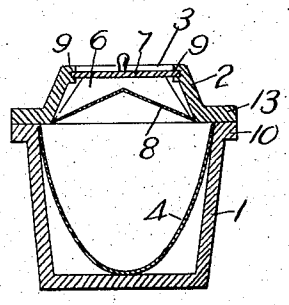


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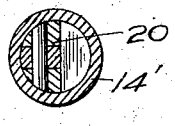


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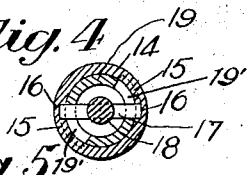


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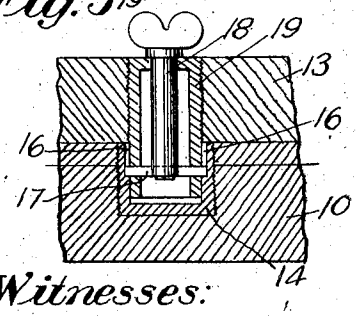
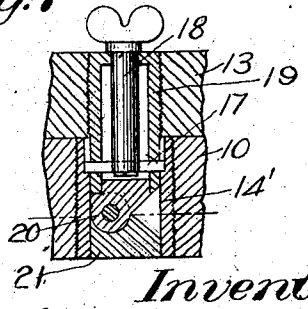


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BURIAL-CASKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES STAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Burial-Caskets, of which improvement the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in burial-caskets, and has for its object the production of a casket in which the corpse will repose in a natural position and at the same time be so supported that it will not become displaced during transportation.

A further object of this invention is to provide a slide in the lid of the coffin, said slide being so connected to the inside decoration of the coffin that when the slide is closed and the cover removed its interior will present a uniform and unmarred appearance.

A still further object of this invention is to so secure the lid to the body of the coffin that a quick and accurate connection may be made and also to provide means whereby the lid may be swung back on a hinge or entirely removed.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved burial-coffin. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section taken through the sight. Figs. 4 and 5 illustrate my improved locking device for the lid. Figs. 6 and 7 illustrate my combined hinge and lock to be placed on the lid at the rear.

The reference-numeral 1 indicates the lower or box portion of the casket, 2 the lid, and 3 an opening suitably located therein to permit a view of the face of the inclosed corpse. In the part 1 the filling or interior decoration 4 is formed in a substantial U or V shape for the purpose of better supporting the corpse. Said filling is securely fastened in this shape by any well-known means.

The lid 2 is provided with a lining 5, preferably V-shaped in cross-section and of less depth than the lining 4 of the casket. A space 5′ is left between the lining 5 and the top of the lid for the purpose of allowing the slide 7 to be moved thereinto. The lining is cut away beneath the opening 3, but is extended across the end 8′ of the lid, as indicated at 8″.

Secured by two or more brackets 6 6 to the movable slide 7 is a V-shaped lining 8, which is so formed as to pass through the space 5′ which has been left between the lining 5 and the lid. It will thus be seen that when the slide 7 is moved in its ways 9 9 it will carry with it the portion 8 of the lining, and yet when said slide is closed the lining will present a substantially uniform appearance.

The means of locking and hinging the cover will now be described.

Located at the ends in the flange 10 of the part 1 of the casket are two guide-pins 11 11, which are adapted to engage corresponding apertures 12 12 in the flange 13 of the lid 2. On the front of the casket any suitable number of locking devices may be placed, (three being shown,) these locking devices being shown in detail in Figs. 4 and 5. In the flange 10 suitable thimbles 14 are securely inserted, preferably by screw-thread or screws, said thimble being provided with two segmental grooves 15 15, which extend only a short distance around its inner surface. Suitable vertical grooves 16 16 communicate with one end of the grooves 15 15 from the top, said grooves 16 16 being adapted to receive the two opposite ends of the lock-lever 17, which projects through segmental grooves 19′ and is securely fastened to the lock-rod 18, which is pivoted in the thimble 19, securely fastened in the flange 13 of the lid 2. It will thus be seen that by inserting the thimble 19 in the thimble 14, the locking-lever 17 being in a suitable position to register with the grooves 16 16, and by lowering the lid 2 against the casket-box 1 the lock-lever 17 will descend until it rests in the segmental grooves 15 15, which register with the grooves 19′, and turning the lock-rod 18 will cause the lock-lever to be engaged and held from elevation in the closed portions of said segmental grooves.

My hinge device consists in the addition to the lower end of the thimble 19 of hinge 20, said hinge on its under member being pro-

vided with the extension 21. The locking parts of this device are identical with the above-described mechanism.

By releasing the locking members on the forward and rear sides of the lid and raising the lid just sufficient to have hinge 20 above the thimble 14′ it may be swung back on said hinge, the same being supported by the extension 21 remaining in thimble 14′. It will also be seen that the lid may be readily removed by the withdrawal of said extensions 21 from the thimbles 14′.

It will be noted that various slight changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a casket, a body, a substantially U-shaped lining supported in the body, a lid for the body having an opening, a slide for closing the opening, and a shallow lining for the cover so arranged as to leave a space into which the slide is moved, substantially as described.

2. In a casket, the body 1, the substantially U-shaped lining 4 supported in the body, the lid 2 having the opening 3, the slide 7 for closing the opening, and the shallow lining for the lid, comprising the portion 5, the portion 8, and the portion 8″, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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